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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS TO SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER AND RUSH)

SUBJECT: FRG FOREIGN OFFICE PRESS LINE ON SECRETARY'S
AND DEPUTY SECRETARY'S VISITS

1. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS INFORMED THE PRESS THAT THE SECRETARY WILL NOT VISIT BONN THIS WEEKEND. THE FONMIN'S PRESS LINE IS AS FOLLOWS: "THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WAS INFORMED TODAY BY THE AMERICAN EMBASSY THAT THE VISIT TO BONN WHICH HAD BEEN PLANNED BY SECRETARY KISSINGER CANNOT TAKE PLACE. DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST ARE SAID TO REQUIRE THE PRESENCE OF THE SECRETARY FOR LONGER THAN HAD BEEN EARLIER FORESEEN. THE QUESTION AS TO WHETHER HE WILL MAKE A STOP IN BONN DURING HIS RETURN TRIP TO WASHINGTON CAN, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION FROM THE AMERICANS, ONLY BE DECIDED WHEN DR. KISSINGER'S EXACT SCHEDULE IS ESTABLISHED." THE FOREIGN OFFICE ALSO ADDED THAT BONN CONTINUES TO BE PREPARED FOR A MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY AND THAT HE WOULD BE A WELCOME VISITOR AT ANY TIME.

2. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ALSO HAS PREPARED A BRIEF STATEMENT FOR USE IN REPLY TO QUESTIONS ABOUT DEPUTY SECRETARY RUSH'S VISIT: "THE VISIT OF DEPUTY SECRETARY RUSH, WHICH HAD BEEN PLANNED FOR MAY 27-28, ALSO WILL

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NOT TAKE PLACE. AS THE AMERICAN EMBASSY INFORMED US,

MR. RUSH HAS HAD TO PUT OFF HIS EUROPEAN TRIP."

3. FOREIGN MINISTRY FEELS THAT ITS STATEMENT ON THE
CANCELLATION OF THE DEPUTY SECRETARY'S VISIT IS A LITTLE
BARE AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANY DETAILS WHICH COULD BE
USED TO AMPLIFY IT.
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